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SUBJ: CIVAIR - EGYPTAIR RE-EQUIPMENT

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1. HIGHLY RELIABLE CIVIL AVIATION SOURCES BEIRUT, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM CAIRO, INDICATE TO RCAA THAT EGYPTAIR CONTRACT FOR EIGHT SOVIET TU-154 TRIJETS APPEARS TO BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. INDICATIONS HERE ARE THAT TUPOLEV CANNOT MEET INITIAL SEPT 1973 DELIVERY DATES AND THAT FIRST DELIVERIES COULD NOT BE EFFECTED UNTIL FEB OR MARCH 1974.

2. FURTHER INDICATIONS ARE THAT EGYPTAIR IS BECOMING DISENCHANTED (AS WELL AS POSSIBLY AVIAEXPORT/TUPOLEV) WITH ACQUISITION OF TU-154'S BECAUSE OF ADVERSE CONTRACTUAL CHANGES DEMANDED BY RUSSIANS (INTEREST RATES AND TRADE-IN VALUES ON IL-18'S AND AN-24'S) AND DISAPPOINTING PAYLOAD/RANGE CAPABILITIES OF THE AIRCRAFT, PARTICULARLY IN OPERATIONS OUT OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE EGYPTIAN AIR FIELDS.

3. IN RCAA'S VIEW, ASSUMING VALIDITY OF INPUTS, PERIOD OF NEXT FEW MONTHS WOULD APPEAR TO BE OPPORTUNE FOR CALLS OF
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US AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS AND VENDORS OF USED US JET TRANS-

PORT AIRCRAFT ON EGYPTAIR WHICH WILL HAVE SEVERE GAP IN
CAPACITY IF TU-154 DELIVERIES ARE DELAYED OR POSTPONED.

4. RCAA STILL HOPEFUL OF VISITING CAIRO WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL
WEEKS WITHIN CONTEXT OF FAA ATC VISIT.
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